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Real Estate and Insurance Agent,
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Letter No. 22.
LOCAL HISTORY SKETCHES.

DR. THOMAS DAVIS — DR. CHARLES
DICKENSHEID — THE RUFF "MOSEY
SUGAR" — JAMES YORGEY'S SADDLERY
— GEORGE YOST'S WHEELRIGHT SHOP
— JOSEPH HENEKS' BLACKSMITH SHOP
— ABRAHAM TREICHLER — WASHING-
TON HALL — TRAPPE LITERARY ASSO-
CIATION — MUSICAL INSTITUTE — LO-
WELL MASON — DR. J. WARREN ROYER
— PROF. ABEL RAMBO — H. W. KRATZ.

Next to the Fountain Inn is the
brick dwelling of Mrs. Philip Bech-
tel. This house was built some
years ago by Dr. Thomas Davis
who was a practising physician. It
was afterwards purchased by Dr.
Charles Dickensheid, who also
practised medicine here until his
death.

On the north corner of this same
lot fronting the Reading Turnpike,
and on the south side of the road
leading to the "Still House," stood
a small frame building in which
some of the Ruff family lived after
they left the tumble-down house re-
ferred to in a former letter. Mrs.
Ruff made from cheap molasses a
candy the boys called "mosey
sugar." After boiling, it was
poured into small shallow dishes to
cool, and sold at a cent a cake. The
small boys were good patrons, and
many were the pennies carried to
Ruff's.

After the Ruff family vacated the
house James Yorgey opened a
saddle and harness shop here, and
carried on the business until he re-
moved to Limerick. Yorgey learned
his trade with Mathias Haldeman.

Immediately opposite this frame
building where Richard Publ erect-
ed his house, stood George Yost's
wheelwright shop, where he
carried on business many years. A
short distance further up on the
same side of the turnpike, was
Joseph Heneks' blacksmith shop.

Mr. Heneks had two dwellings.
They stood about where Anthony
Poley now lives. Mrs. Heneks was
a scrupulously tidy housewife. One
of these houses was furnished
throughout, having very comfort-
able arrangements, but was hardly

ever opened for use except on very
special occasions. The family was
compelled to accommodate itself to
the smaller house, and all the work
of the family had to be done in the
smaller house.

John Longstreth, to whom we re-
ferred in a former letter, learned
the blacksmith trade with Joseph
Heneks, and while there became ac-
quainted with the Gabriel Kline
family and married one of the
daughters.

Abraham Treichler succeeded
Joseph Heneks and followed black-
smithing here some years. Mr.
Treichler was a most estimable citi-
zen. He moved West, where he be-
came quite prosperous. He died
only very recently at the advanced
age of 90 years.

The dwellings between the Rich-
ard Publ house and Joseph Heneks
have all been built within a com-
paratively recent period. The same
is true of Mr. Beaver's and the
store house of Mr. Brownback.

The large mansion of Mrs. Jane
Rambo, where her late husband,
Prof. Abel Rambo, last conducted
the Washington Hall Boarding
School, was the outgrowth of the
smaller brick building that stands
next to it. This was the original
Washington Hall, built in 1840,
where first Principal was Rev.
Henry S. Rodenbough, successor of
Henry Prizer, who founded the
Trappe Boarding School.

Mr. Rodenbough conducted the
Washington Hall Boarding School
up to 1845, when he accepted a call
to the pastorate of the Lower Provi-
dence Presbyterian Church. He
remained its pastor to the time of
his death, sometime in the eighties,
having faithfully served his con-
gregation upwards of forty years.

Many very interesting associa-
tions cluster around old Washing-
ton Hall, where I spent many pleas-
ant and profitable school days, at-
tending there up to the time of my
starting out to teach school in
Lower Salford township in the
winter of 1843-44, boarding in Dr.
Charles S. Fronefield's family in
Harleysville, Pa.

Memory takes me back to the
time of the organization of the
Trappe Literary Society, to the in-
troduction of the Library, which
was indeed to me a mine of wealth,
for in those days there were few
private libraries in the county, and
no public libraries outside of our
boroughs and cities.

Associated with Washington Hall
were the public debates held there
and participated in by the promi-
nent men of the community, also the
singing schools regularly held here
many years, affording the young
people of Trappe and the surround-
ing country, opportunity of learn-
ing the art as well as the science of
vocal music. No less a personage
than the distinguished musical com-
poser, Lowell Mason, of Boston,
gave instruction in music, and at-
tended and assisted in some of the
musical concerts held in Washing-
ton Hall in the forties. Trappe at-
tained the distinction of being a
musical as well as literary centre,
envied by some of the larger vil-
lages around us that were less
favored by special talent and op-
portunity for discipline and in-
struction.

Much credit for enterprise and
efficiency in developing a taste for
music is due to the influence and
aid of Dr. J. Warren Royer, and
later to Professor Abel Rambo.
Later on H. W. Kratz became in-
terested, especially in vocal music.
Too much credit cannot be given
him for organizing singing classes
in different localities, and giving in-
struction in vocal music. Many of
the middle-aged men and women of
Upper Providence township must
thank Esquire Kratz for starting
them in vocal music.

HENRY A. HUNSICKER,
604 Wister St., Germantown, Pa.

DEBT OWED TO THE BIRDS.
In a recent lecture a Government
scientist cited many facts to show

that birds are nature's great check
on the excess of insects and that
they keep the balance between plant
and insect life. Ten thousand cater-
pillars could destroy every blade of
grass on an acre of cultivated land.
In 30 days from the time it is
hatched an ordinary caterpillar
increases 10,000 times in bulk, and
the food it lives on is vegetable.
The bird population of cultivated
country districts has been esti-
mated at from 700 to 1000 per
square mile. This is small com-
pared with the number of insects,
yet as each bird consumes hun-
dreds of insects every day the
latter are prevented from becoming
the scourge they would be but for
their feathered enemies.

SEAWEED BURNING IN NORWAY

Along the shores of Joderen, on
the southwest coast of Norway, the
seaweed grows in veritable forests;
not the common grass variety, but
actual trees from five to six feet in
height, with stems like ropes and
leaves as tough as leather. It be-
gins to sprout in March and April,
and gradually covers the ocean bed
with a dense, impenetrable brush.
In the fall the stems become tender
the roots release their suction-like
grip on the rocky bottom, and the
autumn winds washes it ashore in
such quantities that it looks like a
huge brown wall along the entire
coast. The fall crop is of compara-
tively small value. The only use
that can be made of it is for fertiliz-
ing purposes, because it is only in
the spring that it can be success-
fully burned, and at this time there
is such a demand for it that every
stalk and leaf is gathered as if it
were pure coin.

The weed-burning season is the
busiest of the year, and every mem-
ber of the household is drafted to
assist in gathering, drying and
burning. At the close of each clear
day the whole coast seems to be
afire from thousands of bonfires
that are kept burning far into the
night. This is one of the many
natural resources that has unex-
pectedly developed in Norway, and
no one ever dreamed twenty years
ago that this seemingly worthless
weed would in a few years, as a
source of income, surpass the
fisheries, which have been the
mainstay of the people of that
country for ages, nor rival agricul-
ture in one of the leading agricul-
tural districts of Norway. Yet such
is the case to-day; and those who
are fortunate enough to own land
abutting the seashore, can reap the
most profitable crop of the year.
Owners of farms located where the
weed seems to have a predilection
to drift can burn as much as 3,000
pounds a year, which sells for from
\$2.25 to \$3.75 a pound. The annual
income to Norway from seaweed
ashes amounts to about \$150,000.

After the burning the ashes are
carefully gathered, packed and
shipped to all parts of the world.
The subsequent treatment of the
ashes is veiled in scientific mystery.
They contain many valuable chemi-
cal properties among which iodine
is the most important.

SKELETONS OF GIANTS.

BONES AND CURIOS OF PRE-HISTORIC
RACE MAY BE EXHIBITED AT JAMES-
TOWN EXPOSITION.

What archaeologists declare will
solve the mystery surrounding the
ancient mound builders was dis-
covered recently in one of a series
of hills along the Illinois river, in
that state. The "find" shows traces
of handicraft of past ages, and the
bones of those who wrought it.
Several skeletons were exhumed
more than eight feet long, also
pieces of remarkable pottery, beads
and curious implements. Under
the bones of the ancient dead were
found vases, the largest of which
are capable of holding more than
two gallons, while under a skull
was unearthed a bowl, in the centre
of which is a well fashioned figure
of a King, seated upon a crude
throne. It is believed by scientists

that these bones may be those of a
great leader of the race that once
ruled this portion of the country.

Strangest of all articles found
with the bones were implements
that were apparently made of bam-
boo, some of them evidently shaped
for purposes of weaving. Countless
beads were found in the mound of a
strange material, almost white, and
possibly made from the best of
potters clay.

Another interesting and curious
"find" is a shell shaped dish with a
wolf's head, the work on which
leaves no doubt that it was carved,
even the teeth of the wolf gleaming
from it, and as exquisitely executed
as some of the ivory carving of the
Japanese.

Thousands of persons are being
attracted to the scene of excavation
by the news of the wonderful dis-
coveries. The soil of the mound
has never been disturbed and to
this fact is attributed the marvelous
preservation of the things taken
from it.

Eminent archaeologists are unani-
mous in the opinion that the mound
is a pre-historic burying ground,
greater in extent and more per-
fectly preserved than any yet dis-
covered, and is a valuable contri-
bution definitely settling many
mooted points.

An effort is being made not only
to secure this remarkable "find" in
its entirety for the Jamestown Ex-
position, but the results of investi-
gations determining the history of
this race and extinct race of people.

FRUIT-BEARING HEDGES.

According to an official of the De-
partment of Agriculture, fruit-bear-
ing hedges are among the latest
novelties for introduction into this
country.

The plant in question is imported
from South Africa, where it is
known as the amatungula. Its
flower is white, and the fruit, a red
one, is perfectly edible. The shrub
is a thrifty evergreen, and makes
the finest kind of hedge. The
plant's botanical name is given as
Carissa grandiflora.

In Natal, whence the queer plant
is obtained, the fruit is one of the
most popular varieties found in the
market. It is about the diameter of
a large damson plum, but has an
elongated form and a distinct point.
Europeans in South Africa recom-
mend the fruit of the hedge for use
in salads.

In bloom, the hedge of the ama-
tungula is described as a beautiful
sight, the white, jasmine-like
flows being in marked contrast to
the dark green foliage. Later, the
conspicuous red of the fruit offers
another pleasing sight.

In order to raise the shrub, it is
necessary that the seeds be sown in
a bed, and when the plants are six
inches high they must be set in the
place chosen for the hedge, and
about a foot apart in alternate rows.
The more they are trimmed the
more they interweave their bran-
ches, which are tough and thorny.

A related species, with pendant,
edible fruit, resembling barberries
in shape, is grown in the municipal
garden in Cape Town. It is recom-
mended for the ornamentation of
lawns and parks in the subtropical
regions of America.

Another plant from South Africa
which it is hoped will find a place
in the warmer sections of the Uni-
ted States is the Kafir plum, a
beautiful shade tree that grows so
sturdily that strong winds cannot
injure it. It produces a wood which
botanists say is almost indis-
tinguishable from mahogany. The
trunk of the Kafir plum is gray and
the foliage is very dark and green.
Its bright red fruits are ornamental
and prized by the native children,
but are not valuable for the market.
For shade trees in the frostless
sections of the United States the
Agricultural Department strongly
recommends the cultivation of this
Kafir plum.

A pessimist is a fellow who never
gets what he expected, and never
expected he would.

IN THE PERSIAN DESERT.

Curious Way In Which Water Is Pro-
cured For Yezd.

Almost in the center of Persia lies
Yezd, a city of perhaps 40,000 people,
on the great caravan route. It is a city
of the desert, says the author of "Five
Years in a Persian Town," but how
complete that desert is and how large
it is hard to realize.

In going from the Caspian sea to
Yezd one sees a strip of green country
thirty miles wide along the sea and
another twenty miles in diameter
round Teheran. Aside from that there
is nothing but waste.

The desert in Persia, however, is of
many kinds. There are places where
the ground is absolutely bare except
for the thick crusts of salt that lie
like snowdrifts, streaking the plain in
every direction. There are also places
equally salt where the proximity of a
certain amount of useless water pro-
duces a larger quantity of plant life
than in the ordinary desert. For the
rest there is a vast waste of sandy
patches and of gravelly soil, fertile
enough when water can be brought to
it, sometimes flecked with dry, brown-
ish shrubs, sometimes quite bare.

Two desert plants never touch one
another. In the most favorable places
two very tiny shrubs may be found
within two yards of each other, but
with a single exception one does not
see on the central Persian caravan
route a place away from the hills
with enough natural growth to modify
the color of the distance.

Even in the oases no seed comes up
that is not purposely sown; no plant
seems to have any association with
the rest. One fixes the eye on each of
them individually as upon a single
unit, not as on a part of a field or a
garden.

The water for these oases is brought
by the most difficult means imagin-
able. It is found in abundance at the
foot of the mountains, perhaps 300
feet underground. When a well has
been sunk and plenty of water found
a hunt is made for the nearest place
in the desert which is lower than wa-
ter level in the well. Such a spot is
Yezd, thirty miles from the sources
which water it. In a line with that
place other wells are sunk thirty or
forty yards apart, each shallower than
the one before, and then from the se-
lected site a tunnel is run in to the first
pit, from that to the second, and so on
back to the wells, even though they be
forty miles away. Through this un-
derground channel flows the life giving
water.

Sometimes it happens that a sudden
hard rain falls in this desert country.
It brings many disasters, for the sun
baked mud roofs of the dwellings are
caved in, their walls are washed away,
and other damage is done them. But,
worst of all, too much water washes
out and caves in these "Qanat" chan-
nels, and until they are again dug out
no water comes to town.

It has happened at Yezd that a single
rainy day, the water from which had
dried away or sunk into the ground be-
fore the next sunrise, has, by filling
the channels, caused a water famine
in the city for three months.

Kingfishers as Weathercocks.

There is a very quaint old world
superstition in connection with the
kingfisher, which I fancy still obtains
here and there in remote parts of the
country. The superstition is this:
If a stuffed or dried kingfisher be sus-
pended by a thread or string from the
beam or ceiling of a room its breast
will always turn in the direction of the
prevailing wind. How the notion first
arose and how, in the light of common
sense and inquiry, it has been so long
perpetuated it is hard to say, but it
has long existed and still exists. I
have a clear recollection as a young-
ster of going into a humble cottage in
the shires and seeing a stuffed king-
fisher thus suspended as a weather
vane.—Country Life.

Japanese Finger Napkins.

The Japanese have a picturesque im-
provement on finger bowls. At the
conclusion of the repast a tiny basket,
woven of exquisite straw and in orna-
mental design, is placed before each
guest. This basket contains a filmy,
satiny, paper napkin, printed with ap-
ple blossoms, chrysanthemums, lilies
or some other attractive design, and
twisted lightly into a flower-like shape.
Before being placed in the basket the
napkin has been slightly dampened
with perfumed water, the scent cor-
responding with the design, and this
napkin the guest uses instead of dip-
ping the hands in water.

Charles V. Liked Mechanics.

Charles V. of Spain, like Louis XVI.
of France, was particularly fond of
timepieces and had a decided taste for
mechanics. When in Germany he in-
vented a carriage for his own accom-
modation, and after his abdication he
would amuse himself in making little
puppets—soldiers performing their ex-
ercises, girls dancing with their tam-
bourines and little wooden birds that
would fly in and out of the window.

THE INDEPENDENT

TERMS—\$1.00 PER YEAR
IN ADVANCE.

Thursday, Decem. 6, '06

CHURCH SERVICES.

Parish of St. Paul's Memorial P. E. Church, Oaks, Perkiomen, Audubon. The Rev. T. P. Ego, rector. Sunday services: Union Church, Audubon, 10.45 a. m., with Holy Communion first in month. St. Paul's, Oaks, 3.30 p. m., with Holy Communion third in month 3 p. m. Children's Evensong last in month 3 p. m. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Vested choir. Free sittings. Cordial welcome. The rector, residing at Oaks, will be pleased to receive calls for visitation or ministrations. Address Oaks P. O.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. W. G. Steck, pastor. Sabbath School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Song and prayer service, 7 p. m.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, S. T. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Catechetical class on Sunday at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible Study meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

Trappe Circuit United Evangelical Church, Rev. George R. Riffert, pastor. Services for the coming Sabbath will be as follows: Trappe—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Sunday School, 1.30 p. m.; preaching, 3.00 p. m. Limerick—Sunday School, 9.30 a. m.; preaching, 7.45 p. m.; C. E., 7.30 p. m. Zieglerville—Sunday School, 7.30 a. m.; preaching, at 10.30 a. m. All people are heartily asked to come and worship God with us.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7.03, 7.45, 11.30 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sunday—7.11 a. m., 6.23 p. m. For Norristown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 5.22, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

Home and Abroad.

- The gale
- From the northwest
- Monday night
- Was a cold wave early in December.
- The mercury in thermometers marked 10 degrees above zero on Tuesday morning.
- And a sheet of ice covered the Perkiomen.
- As a starter for the winter of 1906-07, that will do.
- Read H. E. Warren's letter from Elberon, Iowa.
- John Reitmeyer, of Pottstown, shot 52 rabbits during the season.
- The slaters are at work on the roof of the bank building. F. S. Koons is doing the job.
- The Reformed church parsonage is under roof and the work of finishing the building is in progress.
- Samuel Lachman, of this borough, who is seriously ill, had to be excused from service as a member of the Grand Jury, this week.
- A mishap at the big power plant delayed the trolley cars Tuesday morning.
- Love is poetry; matrimony is corn beef and cabbage—Chicago News.

—Norristown's oldest blacksmith, William Murphy, is dead, having fallen over while putting on his shoes.

—By the will of Robert Brooks, of Norristown, \$300 is bequeathed to Oak Street Methodist Church, Norristown.

—While walking to the rear of his floor Harry Creasinger a moulder, at Spring City, fell dead in the sand heap.

—A police and fire gong has been placed on Main street, Royersford, for the purpose of calling help in emergency by telephone.

—James Sannone, of Conshohocken, is in Norristown jail charged with attempted assault upon Mrs. George Buono, wife of his employer.

—To wilful men the injuries that they themselves procure must be their schooling.—Shakespeare.

—After suffering two months with a broken back caused by an iron girder falling on him Frank Hillman died at the Pottstown Hospital.

—D. M. Seyler, a farmer, of Basket, turned his surplus stock of pears into several hundred gallons of cider, which he sold at 20 cents a gallon.

—A playmate jumped upon the back of Ellis Mensch, aged 14 years, in the yard of the Pennsylvania public school, throwing him in such a manner that his right collarbone was broken.

—Harrison Weber, of Reading, spent 12 years making a sideboard containing 150,000 pieces of wood, and he values it at \$6000.

—The desire of riches does not proceed from a natural passion within us, but arises rather from vulgar, out-of-doors opinion of other people.—Plutarch.

—The steps of a Pennsylvania passenger train were broken by striking Frank Mole's horse at Norristown, and the horse had a square foot of hide torn off.

—On Christmas John S. Klink, a locomotive engineer, of Pottstown, will round out 50 years of service for the Reading Railway Company, and he will then retire on half-pay.

—John Crowley, an aged Pottstown puddler, who has probably turned out more heats than any ironworker in that town, was taken to the Montgomery County Home.

—It required 1,100,000 bricks to construct the first glove factory for Reading, which will be six stories high, and will give work to over 300 hands when in full operation.

Married.

On November 29, by Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D., at Trinity Reformed church parsonage, Mr. Perry B. Croll and Miss Ella K. Cole, both of Skippack, were united in wedlock.

Surprise Party.

James Hamer, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamer of this borough, was tendered a surprise party by a number of schoolmates on Wednesday evening of last week, in honor of his 16th birthday.

December Criminal Court.

The December term of criminal court convened at Norristown on Monday, with Judge Weand in Court Room No. 1 and Judge Swartz in Court Room No. 2. The trial list is rather a lengthy one.

Postmaster Jailed.

George H. Reitenbaugh, postmaster at Ardmore, was in default of bail taken to the Norristown jail last week. A shortage of \$2200 in his accounts led to his arrest and imprisonment.

Firemen's Parade.

The annual parade of the Fire Department of Norristown held on Thanksgiving Day, was an imposing affair and entirely successful. It was the best turnout in years. Visiting fire companies were present from Conshohocken, Pottstown, Pennsburg and Red Hill.

A Peculiar Wedding.

The father's son marrying the daughter of the father's wife, and yet neither of the contracting parties being directly related to each other, constituted the peculiar state of affairs at the wedding of Charles Schwoyer and Miss Annie Fink in Pottstown on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day, 1906.

Thanksgiving Day was observed to the usual extent in this vicinity. A number of citizens went abroad to spend the day while others about the town entertained guests from a distance. The special services in the forenoon at Trinity Reformed church were fairly well attended. The pastor, Dr. Yost, delivered an appropriate sermon.

Another Appeal to Court.

The township of Worcester, through Edwin S. Nyce, has filed a bill in equity asking the court to grant a preliminary injunction against the Montgomery County Rapid Transit Company, restraining the Company from further construction of the trolley line through that township. The township charges violation of agreement as to the location of a part of the road, etc. A hearing has been fixed for December 19. The Company is building a substantial trolley line through Worcester and has aimed to serve the best interests of the public, and the present action, doubtless based upon some technicality, is therefore especially aggravating to the Company.

Long Tennessee Fight.

For twenty years W. L. Ralls, of Belts, Tenn., fought a catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, until I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c. at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store.

Post Card Surprise.

J. W. Essig was agreeably surprised last Saturday by receiving a birthday post card surprise. Many pretty souvenirs were received from friends in Reading, Norristown, Pottstown, Spring City, Collegeville, Trappe, Lower Providence, and other places. Warren appreciates the souvenirs very much, and invites his friends to call and see them.

Revival of Trolley Project.

The matter of a trolley line from Bridgeport to Valley Forge, Phoenixville, Spring City, Royersford and Pottstown, is again being revived. The latest advocate of such a move is Charles Detwiler of Royersford, who has associated with him a number of financial men. He and his friends covered the proposed route along the Schuylkill River, Thursday.

A "Pied" Form.

We are sure every printer in the county will wish Brother Bardman, of the Schwenksville Item, no more experience of the kind he was compelled to accept last week when one of the type forms of the Item fell from an elevator and was dissembled into many thousand pieces. In consequence of the trying mishap the Item reached its readers about 36 hours late.

Elks' Memorial Exercises.

The members of Norristown Lodge, No. 714, B. P. O. Elks, held their memorial exercises in the Opera House on Sunday afternoon. The members who have died during the past year were Freeland G. Hobson, Esq., Henry J. Kautz and Amos G. Tyson. The eulogy was delivered by Attorney Charles D. McAvoy, and Reno R. Wellington, of New York Lodge, No. 1, B. P. O. Elks, made an address. Several selections were rendered by a quartet.

Man Roasted in His Home.

The village of Narberth, this county, was shocked and saddened Thursday evening by the tragic death of one of its best known citizens, David Murphy, who was burned to death while alone in his home. Investigation showed that the fire had been caused by a lamp which had exploded, but what led to this misfortune can not be ascertained. Mr. Murphy was alone in the house at the time, and may have been showered with flaming oil or have sustained his fatal injuries in trying to put out the fire. Deceased was about 45 years of age, and was a blacksmith.

February Elections will be Conducted Under the Old Law.

Because of the fact that there has been considerable discussion regarding the manner of holding the primaries for the nomination of town and township officers, the question was taken up by the County Commissioners at their meeting on Wednesday of last week. The Commissioners decided to take no action whatever in reference to the uniform primary law as affecting the boroughs and townships of the county for the spring elections. Solicitor J. P. Hale Jenkins has written an opinion in which he questions the constitutionality of the act, and in consequence, the commissioners have decided not to make any provision for the printing of ballots, etc., for the winter primaries. If any body of citizens feel that the action of the commissioners is wrong, application can be made to the Court by proper proceedings, and thus compel the Commissioners to act. If action were now taken to print ballots and make the necessary preparations, the expenses would have to be borne by the county, with the hope of being reimbursed later by the State. If the act be declared unconstitutional the State would not, of course, pay and the question of the expenses made would be a proper one for the auditors at the annual audit, and the Commissioners might be surcharged personally.

A Texas Wonder.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Texas, that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to be of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Cough and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled my weight, and am completely cured. My sure Cough and cold cure. Get it at J. W. Culbert's drug store. 50c. and \$1.00 trial bottle free."

Bold Robbery in Royersford.

The store of James Richards, Royersford, was entered by robbers on Saturday night, and several hundred dollars worth of goods removed. It was supposed at first that only cash had been the object of the robbery, but Mr. Richards finds that such was not the case. Investigation reveals that a valuable lot of goods was stolen from the store. A door at the rear of the second floor leading to the store quarters was opened by the bursting in of a panel and entrance easily gained in this way.

Collegeville Foundry and Machine Works Again Changes Owners.

On Friday last the Steam Fitters' Heater Company, A. C. Freed president and treasurer, of Royersford, purchased of Ritter & Son the large foundry and machine shop in this borough. The new owners took possession on Monday and have started the work of manufacturing the Freed steam heater, on account of the growing popularity of which the Company has been compelled to purchase a foundry and machine shop. The Advertiser, of Royersford, says "the Freed heater is a sure winner." The Independent hopes the newcomers will be entirely successful with their undertaking.

Death.

David H. Gennaria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gennaria of Upper Providence, died Thursday of typhoid fever at his home on Reedland street, Philadelphia, aged 24 years. Mr. Gennaria suffered an illness of ten days. He leaves a widow—Bertha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Reed, of Upper Providence. The funeral was held from the residence of the parents of the deceased on Tuesday at 10 a. m. Interment at the Mennonite cemetery, near Yerkess. Rev. S. L. Messinger, S. T. D., officiated at the house, and Rev. J. T. Meyers delivered the sermon at the meeting-house. There were a number of beautiful floral emblems. Three brothers and three brothers-in-law of the deceased served as pall-bearers. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel had charge of arrangements.

Thieves Stole \$1000 Worth of Clothing.

A thousand dollars worth of goods were stolen from the store of Morris Fox, on East Main street, Norristown, early Sunday morning. The burglars boldly gained entrance by means of a ladder through a second-story front window, in the glare of an electric light. Their operations were heard by Fox and his wife. Fox went to the store and found the door and windows closed and concluded that he was mistaken and went back to bed. His wife again heard suspicious noises and insisted on her husband making another search. Fox only laughed and attributed the unusual sounds to the howling of the wind. At day-break it was discovered that the thieves had carried off a wagon load of his best goods, which had been secured from the storeroom door adjoining the sleeping room.

Farmer's Insanity Due to Gypsy's Sayings.

John Benner, a well-known farmer of Frederick, last spring was approached by a gypsy woman, who wanted to tell his fortune. She told part of what was supposed to be his fortune, telling him a number of things which preyed heavily on his mind. From that time on he began to worry and some time ago called at the office of Dr. G. A. Weida complaining of not feeling well. The doctor gave him some sound advice, but this did not change the case. He does not attend to his stock and farming any more, and Thursday a number of his neighbors came together and husked his corn. They asked him for his team to house the fodder, but he refused it, saying that such action would be his downfall. Mr. Benner is in a very sad condition, and an effort will be made to have him removed to the Norristown insane asylum.

Outwits the Surgeon.

A complication of female troubles, with catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Ind., to such a deplorable condition, that her doctor advised an operation; but her husband fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters, and to the amazement of all who knew her, the medicine completely cured her. Guaranteed cure for torpid liver, kidney disease, biliousness, jaundice, chills and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic made. Price 50c at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store. Try it.

Christmas Exercises.

The Christmas exercises of the Lower Providence Baptist church will be held on Saturday evening, December 22.

Price of Milk for December.

The Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Milk Shippers' Union has fixed the wholesale price of milk for December, 1906, at 5 cents per quart.

Packages Carried.

The Schuylkill Valley Traction Company has extended package carrying over its entire system from Barren Hill and Conshohocken to Pottstown. The charge is about the same as fares.

Died in Atlantic City.

Josephine L., wife of Alexander Andrew and daughter of the late John Fry, of Trappe, died in Atlantic City on Monday. Funeral services and interment at the Lutheran church and cemetery, Trappe, this (Thursday) at 2 p. m.

Milk Shippers' Union Elects Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Perkiomen Branch of the Milk Shippers' Union at Schwenksville, Monday, A. H. Detwiler was elected president; M. C. Godshalk, vice-president; C. A. Wismer, treasurer; D. M. Casselberry, secretary; Isaiah Haldeman and C. W. Casselberry, directors.

Weitzenkorns' Santa Claus.

Weitzenkorns' big-hearted Santa Claus will be in this neighborhood within the next week or ten days and visit the schools of Collegeville, Trappe, and other districts, and present to each of the scholars a large celluloid pictorial button, containing the photograph of Santa Claus in colors. Boys and girls, be on the lookout for old Santa.

Freas Styer Chosen Chairman.

At the annual meeting of the Republican County Committee, at Norristown, Monday, Freas Styer, Esq., was elected Chairman to succeed Abraham H. Hendricks, who refused to again be a candidate for the honor. John M. Dettra and Walter F. Childs were re-elected Secretaries, and H. W. Kratz was re-elected Treasurer.

PERSONAL.

Mr. A. D. Fetterolf and his son Horace spent Sunday in Brooklyn, N. Y., as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fetterolf.

Mrs. Isett, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Koons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Miller, of Philadelphia, dined with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. S. Gross on Thanksgiving Day.

Mary Bartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bartman, recently received many post cards in honor of her 15th birthday.

Mrs. Ella Hobson spent Thanksgiving Day with her daughter at Wilson College.

Miss Jennie Burns, of Roxboro, was the guest of Miss Mary Bartman, last Thursday.

Miss Dora Moyer spent several days of last week in Royersford.

Leidy Ashenfelter, of the Williamson Trade School spent his Thanksgiving vacation with his parents.

Cyrus Baker, of this borough, was recently elected vice-president of the E. Greenville Acetylene Gas Company. The company is meeting with much success and is rushed with orders for the introduction of gas into the private residences of East Greenville.

Mrs. Susan Ashenfelter, who is 82 years old and in the enjoyment of good health, spent a part of last week with her son, Dr. W. J. Ashenfelter, of Pottstown.

In Praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

There is no other medicine manufactured that has received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective, and prompt relief follows its use. Grateful parents everywhere do not hesitate to testify to its merits for the benefit of others. It is a certain cure for croup and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. Mr. E. A. Humphreys, a well-known resident and clerk in the store of Mr. E. Lock, of Alice, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off croup and colds in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." For sale by Joseph W. Culbert, Collegeville, and M. T. Hunsicker, Rahm Station.

Letter From Mr. Warren, of Elberon, Iowa.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: Elberon is located on the C. M. and S. P. R. R., about 260 miles due west from Chicago. It is a small town, having about 300 inhabitants, one bank, two grocery stores, two dry goods stores, large hardware store, lumber and coal yard, stock yard, grain elevator, harness and barber shop, creamery, livery stable, post office, large graded public school, M. E. church, no hotel or saloon, small jail 6 by 12—and always vacant. All the stores are doing a fine business and are owned and conducted by Bohemians who located in this section years ago as farmers when land was only a few dollars per acre. Now they are a wealthy people and the business men of the town. They are a good, honest and industrious class of people. This is a fine farming country, the principal crops in this section being corn, oats, and barley. Some of my neighbors who have 160 acres have 70, 80 and 90 acres of corn. The average corn crop in this section is 50 to 60 bushels per acre; some few had as high as 70 to 80. Oats 40 to 50 bushels per acre, and weighs 36 to 38 lbs. per bushel. The corn is principally fed to hogs. They ship them from Elberon by the car-load the whole year round. Hogs are worth now \$5.50 to \$5.75 per hundred, live weight; chickens 6¢ to 7 cents per pound; corn 32 cents per bushel; oats, 30 cents; potatoes, 30 cents. Land is worth in this section \$100 per acre, and rents for from \$3 to \$4 per acre; very few farms for sale, and we do not hear of any sheriff's sales. The West is a good place for honest and industrious farmers to make a good living, but there is no room for dishonest and lazy people. Land is getting so high in this section that a great many of the young farmers are going into other States to buy land where it is much lower, to South and North Dakota, Texas and Oklahoma. It is said when you get west of the Mississippi river you acquire a disposition to travel, so the disposition seized me and I took a trip down to Oklahoma to see the big pasture lands, 450,000 acres, to be offered for sale December 3rd to 8th, under the system of sealed bids to the highest bidder. It is located in the southwestern part of the State. I drove some thirty miles along this land and some of it is very fine. No bid on this land will be considered below \$5.00 per acre, and the Homestead rules must be complied with. Oklahoma is becoming an enterprising State; large towns spring up in a short time. I spent a little time in Frederick, which is six miles west of the big pasture in the Red River valley, 25 miles south of the Wichita mountains, 10 miles east of Red river. It has a population of 1500, and is only three years old; has three banks, four large hardware and farming implement houses, nine large dry goods and clothing stores, three large hotels; four restaurants, two large furniture stores, two wholesale and eight retail grocery stores, two large cotton gins, two large elevators, two drug stores, and they seemed to be doing a fine business. I stopped in Anadarko over night and learned that it was 5 years old and had a population of 5,000. There are a great many Indians there. I passed through Lawton, and was informed that it was seven years old, with a population of 10,000. Oklahoma city is said to be the finest city in the Union for its age. The farmers informed me down there that they could plow every month in the year at least some time in the month. I expect to go down again before long and I may have something more to tell you about this State. I have traveled over 3,000 miles since I left Philadelphia last Spring and in all my travels I saw no place as beautiful as Collegeville and the scenery over Skippack hills. Your paper keeps me in touch with all that transpires in your beautiful borough and over the old Skippack hills. Success to you and all my friends in the East.

Yours truly,

H. E. WARREN.

King of All Cough Medicines.

Mr. E. G. Gase, a mail carrier of Canton Centre, Conn., who has been in the U. S. Service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects." For sale by J. W. Culbert, Collegeville, and M. T. Hunsicker, Rahm Station.

Alice's Strategy

By EDWIN FOWLER

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John Garvan did not object to Tommy Tenley except as a son-in-law. Personally he liked him immensely, and it was with real regret that he refused to give his consent to Tommy's engagement to his daughter Alice.

Tommy went out of the study feeling as blue as the enamel on the automobile that panted at the curb, but Alice took a more cheerful view of the matter.

"Don't mind father," she comforted. "I've managed him ever since mother died and I'll find a way to make him behave. He didn't tell you not to come around, did he?"

"No," was the terse response. "He told me to come around all I wanted and help him keep the other fellows off. I'll do that, you bet."

"What was his reason?" she asked. "Said I was too fond of outdoors to be a good merchant."

"Is that all?" she asked in surprise. "I thought from your face it was something serious." She patted him on the shoulder. "Now run along," she commanded. "I want to have a chat with father before he can think it over and get the idea rooted in his mind that he doesn't want you in the family."

Tenley went down the steps much comforted. Ever since they had known each other Alice had always taken the lead, and he was content to follow. He climbed into the auto and rumbled off with the comfortable feeling that all would come well.

He was not the sort of a man who is content to hold back and let a woman plan. He was willing to take the initiative when necessary, but he knew that Alice knew her father's whims better than he did, and more than once she had, with her woman's wit, accomplished more than his bulldog pertinacity would have gained.

Alice nodded wisely when he met her that evening, but he did not ques-



"YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!" HE CRIED.

tion her. He was confident that she had control of the situation, and as they sped along the road he waited for her to speak.

But he was surprised when she suddenly asked him to take her father out in the automobile. One of the objections Mr. Garvan had urged was his fondness for his auto; that the old gentleman should want to ride was strange.

Alice's word was law, and the next afternoon when the blue racer drew away from in front of the Garvan house Mr. Garvan was established in the tonneau, while Alice, beside Tommy, saw that he kept down his speed. They ran decorously along for several miles until they came to the shore road, which stretched its level length for a couple of miles beside the lake.

"Want to go fast?" demanded Alice as she turned to her parent.

"Is it safe?" he demanded anxiously. "Safe and just lovely," was the assurance. "Put on the speed, Tommy, and show papa what automobilism really means."

Tenley threw over the lever, and presently they were doing about forty miles an hour. There were no intersecting roads along the lake and no traffic, so that Tenley felt safe in letting the machine out. At the end of the stretch he slowed down and turned to see what effect the run had on the lone passenger in the tonneau.

To his surprise he found the old man leaning forward. "Let us try it again," he urged. "It's great."

Back they flew along the broad road. Then they slowed down and headed for home. At the door Garvan turned to Tommy:

"I wish you'd drop in this evening," he said. "I want to see you about something."

Tommy nodded and drove off. A part of Alice's plot began to unfold. He guessed that the "something" was an auto, and the guess was right, for a week later a high power car found a resting place in the Garvan stables, and John Garvan devoted himself to its study. Within a month he was sufficiently expert to be able to handle the car himself.

He looked with kindlier feeling toward Tommy, who had made known to him this new delight. In his younger days he had been a horseman, and

much of his objection toward Tommy had been that he had taken to the auto instead of to the trotter. Now that this objection was removed, Tommy asked for a rehearing of the case, but, to his surprise, there was the same negative.

"It's just a whim," explained Alice. "He will come around all right." But the coming process was slow, and Tommy fretted as he followed the big red car along the roads in obedience to Alice's commands.

Then there came the hot afternoon when they made for the top of Mount Stephen. Alice with her field glass swept the country beneath for half an hour after it was time to start back home. Then, with a sigh of relief, she slipped the glasses into their case and turned to Tommy.

"Take the wood road back," she commanded, "and you do just as I say. Will you promise?"

"Don't I always?" he parried. "How would I dare do otherwise?" She made a bow. "I thank you," she said demurely. "Now, if ever, is the time to realize that a soldier's first duty is obedience."

She smiled to herself as they began to coast slowly down the mountain, and she smiled still more when, as they struck the level ground, there came a halt.

Just ahead John Garvan was sitting on the steps of his machine, smiling hopefully at them. "You're just in time!" he cried as they drew up beside him. "I have had a breakdown and don't know just what the matter is."

"I'll have a look," offered Tommy as he prepared to rise. Alice laid a detaining hand upon his arm.

"Tommy and I have gone into business," she announced as she leaned back in her seat. "Tenley & Garvan, Auto Repairers, is the way our sign reads."

"I suppose I'm on the free list since I'm in the family," grinned Garvan in appreciation of the joke. "I engage you."

"There is no free list," said Alice positively. "It's pay in advance where customers are known to us."

Garvan threw his head back and roared, but he sobered a little when Tommy made no move to leave his seat.

"What is your price?" he demanded. "If it's that necktie, you may have it, only hurry up. There is a meeting of the board of governors at the club to-night."

"I know it," she said placidly. "You never can get back in time unless we fix you up."

"I know it, too," he agreed. "I don't care what the price is, only hurry. The mosquitoes are eating me up."

"Do you consent to our engagement?" she demanded.

The smile faded, and the old man's face became choleric.

"I won't be forced," he cried sullenly. "We are not trying to force you," was the even response.

"Then go ahead," he said stormily. "I won't pay; that's all there is to it."

"We are always willing to wait on a prospect," she smiled.

For fifteen minutes they sat there, the old man fuming over the mechanism, which never had seemed so complicated, the younger people chatting and laughing quietly to themselves.

At last Garvan looked up. "See here," he said, "let's stop this foolishness."

"Do you engage us?"

"Not on those terms."

Alice drew a package of sandwiches from a basket and handed Tommy one. It served only to remind the old gentleman of his fast approaching dinner hour. He stood it ten minutes longer, then with a snort he climbed into the seat.

"Go ahead, and be hanged to you!" he shouted. "I consent."

There was a whispered conference, and Tommy climbed down. Five minutes later the red and the blue machines were slipping down the road.

On the steps Alice paused a moment over the goodby.

"The chauffeur will be over tonight for a hundred dollars," she whispered. "I promised him he should have it if he would fix the machine for the breakdown."

"And cheap at the price," declared Tommy as he took her in his arms in the friendly shadow of the vestibule.

Cucumbers Are Ancient.

Few garden plants have been known to and cultivated by man longer than the cucumber. De Candolle has proved that this plant has been in cultivation between three and four thousand years. There is no specific remedy for the striped cucumber beetle. Direct applications of poisons, such as paris green or other arsenical, will destroy the beetles when they occur in moderate numbers. A normal crop may be placed at about 200 half barrel baskets per acre, the price varying from 50 cents to as much as \$2 per basket. After the fruits have been harvested and the marketing season has closed the vines should be destroyed by gathering and burning or plowing them under, so as not to harbor or breed diseases. A point which is of prime importance in the management of the cucumber patch is that none of the fruits be allowed to come to maturity. The ripening process, which means the development and maturing of the seeds, produces a heavy strain upon the growing plant.—United States Farmers' Bulletin.

Reasonable Request.

"Yes," said the fair young widow, "I'll marry you if you'll promise to quit smoking." "That's asking a good deal," rejoined the mere man. "Well, that's my ultimatum," said the f. y. w. "I don't propose to give up my weeds for a man who isn't willing to give up his weeds for me."—Woman's Home Companion.

PURE WATER.

Every Home Can Have It With Little Trouble and Expense.

A good filter is an expensive thing, a poor one is of little or no account, and almost any filter, unless it is kept clean, is more destructive of life and health than the water it filters. The care of the filter can never be given over to the care of irresponsible servants. It soon begins to smell foul, and it is ultimately given up with disgust, as costing more than it comes to.

It is within the power of every housekeeper to provide the family with pure and sparkling water at the expense of but a few cents a year and the smallest amount of attention every day.

In France the purifying of water in this way is carried on to a considerable extent and with elaborate and expensive machinery. But with no machinery at all the housewife can produce practically the same result.

Take any vessel you may chance to have handy. I have found a stone pot, which you can buy any place for 10 cents, one that slopes down the sides to a small base at the bottom, about the best of anything. Be sure that your vessel is clean. Fill it nearly full with water from the faucet.

The rule for mixing the precipitating purifier which you are about to use is 1 to 6,000. It is more than likely that you will have no way to ascertain these exact proportions, but do not let that discourage you. A little experience is worth a good deal in this world, whether the work be done in complicated or simple. A few days of trial in using the separator will serve to guide you all right.

For a starter, say that to a pitcher holding a quart of water you take a small amount of pulverized alum, about what would go on the rounded point of the blade of a pocketknife, toss it into the water and mix it thoroughly. This you can do with a spoon, an egg beater or a whip cream churn. The only thing is to see that the alum is thoroughly mixed with the water, and it takes considerable stirring to do this.

If you notice little moss islands in the water, which same little islands do not seem to want to go to the bottom with their companions, you will know that you have not properly mixed the alum with the water. As water costs nothing and the alum but the merest trifle, you can throw the water away and "set" some more. But you need not do this. All you have to do is to stir it all up good again.

When the work is properly done the water is crystal clear and has a live taste. One thing that makes distilled water so unpalatable is the absolutely dead taste it has.

Another great advantage of water thus prepared is that it is not subject to auto-infection or self contamination, which is such a great enemy to most filtered waters. This water will remain pure even though exposed to the air in open vessels for thirty-six hours.

Although so small an amount of alum would not hurt you if you were to drink every particle of it, be not alarmed. You do not get any of the alum when you drink, for the water upon analysis is found to be chemically free from alum. The alum has settled to the bottom in an insoluble compound with the filth and impurities it has carried with it.

In half an hour or less you will see a deposit on the sides and bottom of your pan or pot in which you have "set" your water. If you will shake the vessel a bit you will see this deposit go to the bottom. If you can spare the time the water should stand for about six hours before it is decanted. Then place in clean bottles on the ice.

In this way you drink a pure, cold, sparkling water without the contamination that is bound to come from putting ice in the drinking water unless the ice has been manufactured from filtered water.—Ruth Everett in New York World.

Cocoanuts.

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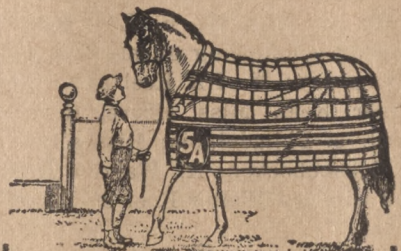
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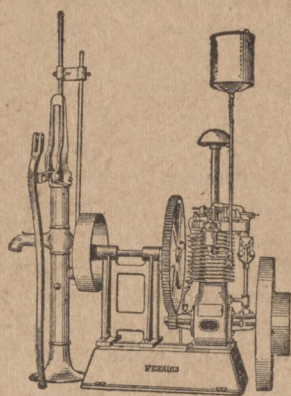
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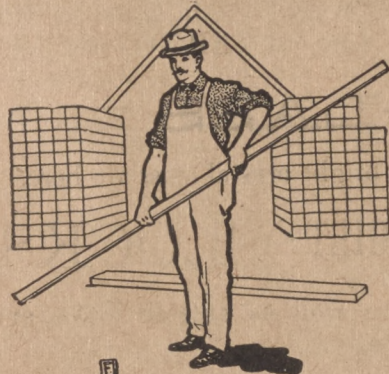
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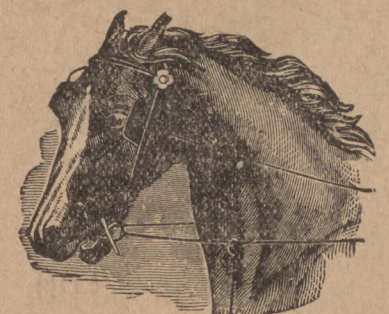
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STUDYING TYPES

By EDITH M. DOANE

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Everybody in Windsor Falls was "hayin' it."

And because the sun is a fickle mistress, first brooding over the hayfields in a glory of caressing splendor, then capriciously hiding herself behind the heavy clouds of a sudden shower, and also because it is well known that "hayin' weather" waits for no man, the farmers toiled in the hayfields early and late, pressing their families into service and laying eager hands on all the outside laborers they could find.

It was at this time that Jim Holden floated into town from no one knew where and hired out by the day. He was tall and lank and "the goldenest worker I ever see," drawled Hiram Sears admiringly as he stopped for a moment's rest in the shade of a spreading oak.

Miss Levering, "the Seares' summer boarder," slowly lifted her eyes from her book and glanced lazily over the hayfield to where a long, lean figure skillfully pitched masses of fragrant hay on to a waiting wagon. She nodded indifferently and went back to her reading. When she looked up again the wagon had disappeared in the direction of the big red barn, and the tall, tireless figure, oblivious of her presence, industriously tossed the remaining hay as he advanced steadily in her direction.

So far the summer had been a disappointment to Miss Levering. She had come to the little New England village fresh from college and with the most ardent intentions of studying nature and the natives—real human people, not mere society mannikins—at first hand. Incidentally she proposed to introduce hitherto unknown breadth and beauty into their starved lives. To a moneyed and spoiled young woman defeat comes hard, and Miss Levering did not yet admit that the "types" had proved flatly tiresome and seemed per-



"THANK YOU, MISS," HE SAID RESPECTFULLY.

fectly satisfied with their lives as they were.

"Ah!" she said softly as the tall figure loomed nearer. What possibilities might lurk under that wiry exterior! She leaned forward.

"I beg your pardon, my good man," she called in clear, penetrating tones, "but it must be very warm in the sun. Wouldn't you like to rest awhile in the shade?" Then, dismayed by her own hardness, Miss Levering blushed.

The man gasped and dropped his fork. For a second he stared blankly at the vision under the oak tree, a dainty vision in cool muslin, all rose bloom on a creamy ground. Then he hastily pulled his hat from his head and approached her, eying her with an expression between admiration and apprehension as the meaning of her words filtered through his brain.

"Thank you, miss," he said respectfully, dropping in a warm, disjointed heap under the spreading branches. There was a twinkle in his eyes at variance with the gravity of his long, thin face. It was not customary for the young ladies of Windsor Falls to address the help as "my good man."

Miss Levering felt distinctly cheerful. "Haying is hard work," she began sympathetically.

"It is," he admitted. "Hard of itself and hard because it leads to nothing beyond itself," he added, with a gleam of inspiration.

Miss Levering's eyes rewarded him for his discrimination. She wondered vaguely if he were not rather above the average type; not that he was good looking—his face was too long and thin for that—but he seemed receptive, and he certainly wore his coarse clothes with an ease a city bred man might have envied. It was a pity that a man evidently fitted for better things should go to waste in this little village. He needed a wider horizon—a broader outlook. Well, she would see what she could do for him.

So the couple sat together under the oak tree very often or wandered through the shaded country lanes, and he listened, always intent and respectful, while she expounded her hopes and

aims for humanity in general and for him in particular.

"I know I've no right," she said earnestly, "but you will forgive me, won't you? Your life seems so petty, so narrow, I want you to feel the stress of life as men in the city feel it. The struggle, the endeavor, the thrill of accomplishment!"

And Holden agreed with her and smiled upon her with a look behind the twinkle in his eyes that made her come near to forgetting her station in life and her altruistic aims generally.

The sun was near the western hills one day before the stage came bearing its quota of daily mail. That she might not miss the glory of the sun's Miss Levering took her letters and magazines and turned up the road to where from her vantage seat on a rock she could see the splendor of the hills outlined against the flaming sky.

Her letters were soon disposed of, and she opened a magazine and idly turned the leaves, then suddenly sat rigid—spellbound—while the letters on the page before her burned themselves into her consciousness.

"The critics," so ran the magazine, "place J. Holden Morse's 'Under New England Skies' among the six greatest books of the year. It is in its fifth large edition. Mr. Morse is at present in New England, where he is said to be collecting material for another novel," etc. and underneath was the author's photograph—a long, lean face, with a humorous twinkle in the smiling eyes.

This, then, explained the vague resemblance she had always felt, but could never define. And she had tried to broaden his outlook—to teach him.

All oblivious to the yellow splendor of the glowing sunset, Miss Levering dropped her head upon her arms and cried.

She did not hear him till he dropped on the rock beside her and picked up the open book.

"Don't! Please don't!" he pleaded contritely. "Forgive me! I never dreamed you'd care—that way. I had to have types for a new work I'm doing. I could get what I wanted so much better this way. Surely you understand?"

"As for yourself," his voice grew tender, "when I found you had the slightest interest in me I dared do nothing to disturb it until it should take firmer root."

"But you let me try to help you—to teach you," she exclaimed, furious with herself and hating him till she looked up and met his eyes.

"And was I not an apt pupil?" he answered half seriously, half jestingly. Then as he bent and drew her closer:

"At all events I learned one lesson pretty thoroughly," he said.

Brahms Was Not Sociable.

Anecdotes about Brahms show the composer to have been a somewhat unamiable companion. His wit was brilliant, but cruel, and its direct object could rarely join in the amusement it created. One story begins with the statement that as a performer Brahms had an extremely hard touch. This once led a musician who was accompanying him on the cello to exclaim, "I don't hear myself." "Ah," replied Brahms, "you are a lucky fellow." When he left the room after a lively evening among friends he used to remark, "If there is any one present whose feelings I have not hurt, I trust he will receive my humble apology."

Brahms never could bring himself to produce an opera. "If I composed one which failed, I should certainly have a second try," he said to pressing friends, "but I cannot make up my mind to the first. To me the undertaking seems much the same as marriage." The latter institution found no favor in his eyes, and he lived an isolated existence, recognizing no kinsfolk.

Scott's Monument in Edinburgh.

The finest monument erected to a literary man in Great Britain is the Scott monument in Edinburgh. It is in the form of a graceful gothic spire, with pinnacles, resting on four pointed arches. In this canopy of open arches is a statue of the novelist and poet, accompanied by his dog. The designer was George Kemp, a youthful architect who died before the monument was completed. He is said to have been greatly influenced by the architectural beauties of Melrose abbey. An interior staircase conducts to the top, which is 200 feet from the ground and terminates in a single pinnacle. Above the principal arches and in various parts of the structure are fifty-six niches destined to be filled with statues representing well known characters in the Waverley novels, several of which have been completed. The statue is by John Steel, R. S. A., and is a magnificent work of art. Lord Jeffrey supplied the inscription. The cost was £15,650, which was raised by public subscription.

Could Enjoy a Joke.

An engineer from Sunderland was spending a few days in London with a friend, and after a busy morning sightseeing the Londoner chose a large restaurant for luncheon, thinking it would be a novel experience for the man from the north. The visitor appeared to enjoy his luncheon, but kept looking in the direction of the door. "What are you watching?" asked his friend, rather annoyed.

"Well," was the quiet reply, "Ah's keepin' an eye on ma topcoat."

"Oh, don't bother about that," said the other. "You don't see me watching mine."

"No," observed the guileless engineer, "there has no call to—it's ten minutes sin' thine went."—Tit-Bits.

Baronets.

The order of baronets was established by James I. in 1611. The title is found in no country on the continent, existing only in the British dominions.

EVIL EYE CHARMS.

The True Italian Talisman Is in the Shape of a Tiny Hand.

In Italy the aristocracy still protects itself from the evil eye, and the multitude is still devoted to the little evil eye charms to secure immunity from disaster.

The true evil eye charm of the Italians is in the shape of a tiny hand, the index and the little finger being pointed out and the third and fourth fingers being held down by the thumb. The charm, however, is merely a representation of the way in which the Italian holds his hand. When pointed outward he wishes to cast the evil eye on an enemy, or when turned toward himself he thinks to protect himself from its malicious spell.

This little charm can be bought in Italy of various materials, coral, tortoise shell, silver and gold being the ones in highest favor. The coral charms are those worn by the poorer classes, since of a cheap grade of the material they can be bought for a few sous. Naturally the aristocracy prefer them of gold. In Italian money these tiny things then cost the equivalent of about \$8. Sometimes they are seen exquisitely modeled, the fingers and nails being as carefully chiseled as marble statues.

Another small hand that the Italian wears as a charm is known as the Manus Panthea, a facsimile of which is to be found in the museum in Rome. It is referred to in various Egyptian papyri, and indeed was worn by the ancients to prevent disease and witchcraft and the evil eye from taking hold of them and to induce love and amiability.

This hand has the thumb, the index and the middle fingers held out in a straight line, while the other two are turned under toward the palm of the hand. Instead of being smooth on its outer surface, as is the evil eye hand, it is covered with many mystical symbols—a tooth, a serpent, and so on. Each of these little signs has its peculiar charm and is as well understood and heeded among the Italians today as formerly among the Egyptian magicians.

The third small hand which the Italians wear for their supposed good is the so called Manus Pontificus, or the hand of the Holy Father. It shows the four fingers held out closely together, and the thumb alone is curved under the palm of the hand. As the Manus Panthea, it is covered on the outside with mystical symbols. — Washington Star.

FOIBLES OF LITERARY MEN.

Keats liked red pepper on his toast.

Dickens was fond of wearing jewelry.

Daudet wore his eyeglasses when asleep.

Joachim Miller nails all his chairs to the wall.

Hawthorne always washed his hands before reading a letter from his wife.

Alexandre Dumas the younger bought a new painting every time he had a new book published.

Thackeray used to lift his hat whenever he passed the house in which he wrote "Vanity Fair."

Robert Browning could not sit still. With the constant shuffling of his feet holes were worn in the carpet.

Robert Louis Stevenson's favorite recreation was playing the flute in order, as he said, to tune up his ideas.

Darwin had no respect for books and would cut a big volume in two for convenience in handling, or he would tear out the leaves he required for reference.

No Sweethearting in Ireland.

Through a great part of Ireland public opinion, molded by the clergy, separates the sexes as far as possible. At the church door and wherever else they congregate men group on one side, women on the other. It is not well thought of for people of opposite sexes to be seen walking along the road together even to a market. The position certainly of some ecclesiastics has been made definite by the refusal of certain bishops to allow "mixed classes" in branches of the Gaelic league. On the whole, public opinion discourages whatever can be justly or even unjustly set down as sweethearting. — Edinburgh Review.

The Extinct Mamo.

Perhaps the most notable native bird of the Sandwich Islands was the mamo, which has been extinct comparatively only a few years. It had two little tufts of yellow feathers on its wings, which were used exclusively in the manufacture of cloaks worn by the kings of those islands. The estimated value of one of the cloaks is £200,000, and it took an almost indefinite number of birds to furnish the feathers. — London Times.

Thunder and Lightning.

Here is a Georgia youngster's definition of thunder and lightning: "The thunder is maw readin' a lecture to paw, an' the lightning is paw-runnin' to git away from it. But I doubt if lightning kin beat him when he jumps the garden fence an' hits the grit!" — Atlanta Constitution.

All in the Point of View.

"It seems a terrible thing to lead a dog's life," panted the cur with the tin can attachment, crawling into a corner to rest himself.

"Oh, I don't know!" contentedly answered the lap dog. — Chicago Tribune.

Self Esteem.

Druggist—Huh! You seem to think you are the boss of this establishment. New Clerk—Oh, no, sir. Druggist—Then why do you talk like a blooming idiot? — Exchange.

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WE would kindly admonish Editor Meredith of the Perkasee News: All insinuations anent the place of holding a certain future banquet that might be construed as eliminating Collegeville, will not be tolerated in this quarter. Don't try to tamper with the committee just yet, Charlie.

THE recent death, in a frightful collision of cars, of President Spencer, of the Southern Railway, is at least some evidence against the popular impression that railway collisions would be less frequent if the officers of the companies were obliged to ride on either end of the trains.

IN Chicago eleven weeks have been spent in trying to empanel a jury to try a labor case, forty-seven hundred persons having been examined and rejected. The cost of the unusual proceeding thus far is estimated at \$20,000. The jury system in Chicago, as well as elsewhere, is freighted with some absurd technicalities, and the system suffers in reputation as a consequence.

THE result of the November election throughout the State determined, among other things, the re-election of Charles Johnson, of Norristown, as Resident Clerk of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. His courteous and capable service in the past, notwithstanding the vaporings of his enemies to the contrary, entitle him to the re-election which now appears to be entirely assured.

AFTER giving the election returns from his own State, Iowa, and as well as from other sections of the country, Mr. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, has reached the startling conclusion that he is not only in favor of tariff revision, but he is the original tariff revisionist. It is now up to Mr. Shaw to deliver another speech in Philadelphia and remove the hypnotic spell that still holds entranced those who heard him in that city some months ago.

THE members of the Republican County Committee have made a wise selection in electing Freas Styer, Esq., as their Chairman, to succeed A. H. Hendricks, Esq., who no longer desired to give so much of his time and attention to political matters. Whilst Mr. Hendricks' retirement, in the flush of victories achieved, is opportune, the election of Mr. Styer is especially to be commended by the Republican brethren. Mr. Styer has the ability to well discharge the duties of the position of a political generalissimo.

SENATOR PENROSE unexpectedly introduced to the Senate. Monday, a resolution requesting the President to communicate to the Senate full information bearing upon the recent order dismissing from the military service of the United States three companies of the Twenty-fifth Regiment of Infantry, United States troops, colored. Senator Foraker also introduced a similar though more comprehensive resolution. It is evident that the President is not to have easy sailing in the matter of standing by his action in dismissing United States soldiers from service.

SHIP SUBSIDY legislation is to be enacted by the Congress that convened at Washington on Monday—if those who are in favor of special benefits for a few ship builders are listened to and obeyed. The only argument in favor of ship subsidies is the old argument so effectually in force with relation to the beneficiaries of that monstrous iniquity, the Dingley tariff. The ship builders desire protection against the competition of foreigners for the same reason that those who beget the trusts and reap large rewards receive the steady support of the Government at the expense of the great mass of consumers. The ship builders desire Uncle Sam to help them get rich quick.

SHERIFF MULHERN, of Cleveland, Ohio, has evolved a plan whereby passengers on trolley cars can be charged fare according to their weight. Here's his scheme: "Make the back platform into a scale. When a man steps on it his weight will be registered instantly on a dial up above. The conductor will then collect two cents for the first 100 pounds and one cent for every additional 50 pounds over and above that." What an ingenious small, lean, and lank individuals would have with aforesaid scheme in process of practical application!

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT's message to Congress, Tuesday, is a lengthy document and relates to no less than thirty-two different subjects. The more important recommendations are: A law prohibiting corporations from contributing to campaign funds; a graduated inheritance and income tax, provision for Federal investigation of controversies between capital and labor, subsidies for the development of American shipping, revision of currency laws, lower tariff or absolute free trade for the Philippines, and the maintenance of the present strength of the navy by replacing obsolete ships with new ones.

THE humane and intelligent efforts of the late and widely lamented John Hay, Secretary of State, to ameliorate the condition of the Jews in Russia and Roumania, were very appropriately commemorated by the recent unveiling of a window in his honor in the Temple Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia. This is the first time Jews have conferred such an honor upon the memory of a Christian. The Record truly says: "There has been little of the Christian spirit in the treatment accorded to them in Europe in all the long centuries since Christianity triumphed over heathenism in the Western world. But in this land of civil and religious liberty the Jew is the subject of no legal discrimination, and here he has found a Christian statesman who startled the civilized world by diplomatic protest against the proscription of Israel in professedly Christian countries." Will the lesson in charity and justice thus afforded by the Jews of Philadelphia be remembered to their credit by those who entertain religious views radically at variance with the Jewish church? Let it be hoped so, at least.

OUR Washington correspondent says:—The Post Office Department of the United States under the management of the present Postmaster General Cortelyou is probably better conducted than it has ever been in recent times. More irregularities within the Department have been exposed and more frauds using the mails as an auxiliary have been exposed than in any recent or perhaps than in any previous administration. Nevertheless the Post Office Department of the United States like every other Department of the Government is loaded down with useless live as well as useless dead material, the establishment costs much more than is necessary and the people of the United States who use the Post Office to a greater extent per capita than any other people in the world have to pay twice as much for the service as they ought to be required to pay. Mr. Boyce, the great publisher of Chicago, has emphasized these undisputed facts by proposing to take over the entire postal service of the United States and conduct it for one-half the amount that it is now costing the people, thus saving the country probably from fifty to seventy millions a year. But this is not the only advantage that he and the powerful syndicate back of him holds out. He proposes to reduce postage for letters to one cent and to reduce the other three classes of postage for mail matter in an equal ratio. There is not the least doubt that it can be done and with profit to the contractors, and there is just as little doubt that every other department of the Government, except perhaps the military and naval departments, could under private management be made much more efficient and much less expensive.

A MINER at the Pocobontas mines, near Bluefield, W. Va., who lighted a cigarette over a keg of powder, blew up nine men and himself, but none was killed.

ROBERT AMBLER BRUCE, who was born before George Washington died, whosaw the meeting between Admiral Decatur and Napoleon at St. Helena, and who is a hero of half a dozen wars, is still living in Richmond, Va., at the age of 106. He entered the navy at the age of 13 to serve in the war of 1812, and was at 15 on Decatur's flagship when it visited St. Helena in 1814. Mr. Bruce is a descendant of Pocobontas.

OPENING SESSION OF 59TH CONGRESS

President Sends Nominations For New Cabinet to Senate.

PENROSE SPRINGS A SURPRISE

Washington, Dec. 4.—The 59th congress began its last session Monday. It took the senate 15 minutes to arrange its preliminaries, and the house of representatives an hour. The senate received from President Roosevelt a long list of appointments for its confirmation, and in an executive session of 19 minutes decided that, as the nominations had been received before the body had been organized formally, to make no confirmations until the president's annual message had been received and the session fairly started. Senators Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Foraker, of Ohio, came forward with resolutions of inquiry regarding the discharge of the negro troops of the 25th Infantry. One was addressed to the president and the other to the secretary of war. After the ripple of surprise had passed, and Vice President Fairbanks had suggested that it was unusual to transact any business until the president's message had been received, the resolutions "went over" by unanimous consent.

Senator Penrose's action is regarded as significant.

The incident is regarded by some as an indication of the senator's resentment of Secretary Loeb's statement a few days after the election, that the president could not deny all political statements attributed to him. This was issued just after Penrose had announced on leaving the house that Roosevelt was for Stuart.

Senator Dupont, of Delaware, took the oath of office.

The opening of the two houses was witnessed by an animated throng, which filled the galleries to their capacity. Hundreds went away disappointed in not gaining admission to witness the session of either senate or house.

President Roosevelt's message was read both in the house and senate today (Tuesday).

Seven cabinet changes and one appointment to the supreme court bench were sent to the senate by President Roosevelt, but they were not confirmed immediately, in accordance with general customs concerning such important nominations. It is said that there is no opposition to the appointees for the cabinet, and to the nomination of Attorney William H. Moody to be associate justice of the supreme court, despite the fact that it was determined to refer these nominations to committees for report.

The important nominations follow: Secretary of the treasury—George B. Cortelyou.

Attorney general—Charles J. Bonaparte.

Postmaster general—George Von L. Meyer.

Secretary of the navy—Victor H. Metcalf.

Secretary of the interior—James R. Garfield.

Secretary commerce and labor—Oscar S. Straus.

Associate justice supreme court—William H. Moody.

Civil service commissioner, John Avery McIlhenny, of Louisiana; interstate commerce commissioners, Edgar E. Clark, Iowa; James S. Harlan, Illinois; Judson C. Clements, Georgia.

Officials of the United States court for China, Judge Leblus W. Wilfey, Missouri; district attorney, Arthur Bassett, Missouri; marshal, Orville R. Leonard, Michigan; clerk, Frank E. Hincley, California.

Minister to Panama — Herbert G. Squiers, New York.

Postmasters—Maryland, A. H. Hambleton, Saint Michael's, Pennsylvania.

J. C. Jacobs, Burnham; N. M. Zimmerman, Derry Church, Virginia, W. H. Lantz, Pennsboro.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

Henry White to Be United States Ambassador to France.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Hon. Henry White, American ambassador to Rome, will be transferred in the near future from that post to Paris, where he will succeed Hon. Robert S. McCormick as ambassador. Mr. White will be succeeded at Rome by Hon. Lloyd C. Griscom, now American ambassador to Brazil. Mr. White is now in Washington.

Tom Lawson's Horses Sold.

New York, Dec. 4.—One hundred and twenty-one horses from Thomas W. Lawson's Dreamworld stud farm was sold at auction in Madison Square Garden. The total receipts amounted to \$64,500. Dare Devil, a trotting stallion, was bought by W. H. Reid, of New York, for \$9700, the top price. That Mr. Lawson was disappointed over the price became known when he telegraphed from Boston authorizing the auctioneer to buy the animal back at a reasonable price. The return sale was made by Mr. Reid at \$11,000.

Five Years For Horse Thief.

Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 5.—In court here Judge Gillan sentenced Harry Sheetz, who pleaded guilty to horse stealing, to five years in the Eastern Penitentiary. Officers were here from Blair and Lancaster counties to serve warrants on Sheetz for similar offenses, in case he was acquitted. He was arrested in Cleveland, O., last month, taken to Somerset county and then brought here to answer the charge of stealing a team at Greencastle.

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SIX CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Little Ones Were Left Alone in Their Homes and Fires Resulted.
Westfield, N. J., Dec. 5.—Four children, two boys and two girls, ranging in age from 2 months to 5 years, were burned to death at their home near here. Mrs. W. F. Wezel and Mrs. Oscar Felter, who lived together with their two children each, went out to work leaving their little ones at home alone. During their absence the house caught fire. Firemen extinguished the flames and found the bodies of the children burned beyond recognition.

Two Burned to Death in Kitchen.
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 5.—Two children, a boy and a girl, belonging to Alfred Small, were burned to death at their home in Pittston. The mother had gone to a neighbor on an errand leaving the children in the kitchen. She left the baby boy fastened in a high chair and it is thought the girl played with paper in the kitchen stove fire setting herself ablaze and also the boy. Both were burned to a crisp before neighbors discovered the kitchen on fire.

PREACHER HANGED

Rev. J. G. Rawlings and Negro Pay Penalty For Murder.

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 5.—With a declaration that he had told the truth and that his son had no connection with the crime, Rev. J. G. Rawlings, a former Baptist minister, ascended the scaffold and paid the penalty for the murder of Willie and Carrie Carter in July, 1905. Alf Moore, a negro, whose confession connected Rawlings with the crime, was hanged at the same time. Both men stepped upon the scaffold without a tremor. They stood on the trap together and fell together. The expectation that Moore would make a final confession exonerating Milton, Jesse and Leonard Rawlings from participation in the murder was not fulfilled. He reiterated his previous statement and declared that Milton fired the fatal shots.

The Georgia prison commission will meet Thursday to consider the petition for commutation of sentence for Milton and Jesse. Leonard has been sentenced to life imprisonment on the recommendation of clemency by the trial jury.

CRITICISED THE PRESIDENT

Anti-Imperialist Asks When Roosevelt Became the United States.

Boston, Dec. 4.—At the adjourned annual meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League resolutions were adopted expressing confidence in the success of the cause of the complete independence of the Philippine Islands.

In his annual address President Storey criticised President Roosevelt for his interference in the recent difficulties in Cuba, claiming that it was a menace to the future independence of the Cuban republic, as well as a usurpation of the rights of congress. "The United States," said President Storey, "has the right under the Platt amendment to interfere for the preservation of Cuban independence, but since when has President Roosevelt become the United States?"

SPARK DROPPED INTO POWDER

Three Killed and Thirteen Injured in the Explosion.

New York, Dec. 4.—A spark from a candle carried by a laborer dropped into a can of giant powder and caused an explosion among a gang of workmen in the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under the East river.

Three men were killed outright and a fourth is dying. Of 12 others less seriously hurt two required hospital treatment. The others, suffering chiefly from burns, were attended on the spot and sent home. The explosion occurred in the tube close to a shaft sunk between the Long Island railroad station at Long Island City and the river.

Died Trying to Save Companion.
Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 4.—Captain Pierce, of the schooner Henry S. Little, bound from Philadelphia for Portland with coal, came ashore here and announced the loss of two of his men, John Rosperson, of Norway, and Emil Olsen. Both men were shipped in Philadelphia. When the schooner was 20 miles off Barnegat Olsen fell from the fore-rigging into the sea. Rosperson at the time was on the main deck, but he saw his companion fall, and without hesitating a moment he sprang over the rail and dived after him. A boat was lowered by other sailors, but no trace could be found of either Rosperson or Olsen.

Matches Explode, Firing a Child.
Chester, Pa., Dec. 3.—While playing with matches Harry, the 3-year-old son of James McGuire, a Chester Traction conductor, was burned about the body and sustained internal injuries, inhaling the flames. Hearing her child's screams, Mrs. McGuire extinguished the flames by wrapping a coat about the burning lad. The boy had picked up the box of matches, then dropped them on the kitchen floor, when they exploded. Heroic efforts are being made to save the child's life.

Dropped Dead as His Home Burned.
Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 4.—A defective flue caused a fire which destroyed the home of Samuel Burns, in Drumore township, this county. Burns, who was 72 years of age, dropped dead from excitement when he saw the destruction of his home was complete.

Lehigh Valley Lays Off Extra Crews.
Mahanoy City, Dec. 5.—The Lehigh Valley railroad issued an order suspending all extra crews and repairmen on the Mahanoy-Hazleton division for the winter. About 100 hands are included in the order.

BRIBE OF \$70,000 PUT UP TWICE

Startling Evidence Given in Hearing of Pittsburgh Bribery Scandal.

BLEUTH "DISCOVERS" LOST COIN

Pittsburg, Dec. 3.—To escape imprisonment for contempt, C. R. Richardson, a broker, went on the stand at the hearing of Common Councilman William A. Martin, charged with soliciting bribes in the Pittsburg and Tube City franchise ordinance scandal, and told how a fund of \$70,000 had twice been put up to influence councilmen, and said that Martin, alleged to be treasurer of the councilmanic combine, was present each time.

The money, which has disappeared, was intended, it is charged, to go to certain councilmen should the Tube City railroad franchise be passed.

Richardson testified that on October 17 he, with Martin and C. S. Cameron, president of the railroad, placed \$70,000 in a safety deposit box in the Union Trust company. When they counted the money over Martin remarked, said Richardson, that one \$10,000 bank note looked good to him. As soon as Martin left Richardson took the money away, substituting a package of newspaper clippings.

On October 22 Richardson swore Martin had the box opened to get the money, and found the package of papers. That night common council sent the Tube City ordinance to a special committee.

On November 20 Richardson again got the \$70,000 from his partner, A. B. McGrew. He turned it over to Cameron, and with Martin went to the Union Safe Deposit company's vaults in the Frick building. Cameron, Richardson testified, reached into his pocket for the package and declared that it was lost. Martin refused to stand a search, and Richardson had both men arrested on charges of conspiracy to defraud.

The next day a package containing \$65,000 of the \$70,000 was found on the seventh floor hall of the Hotel Antler by G. B. Perkins, a detective, who had been employed by Richardson. Cameron's brother and father were both living at the Antler. The remaining \$5,000 was made up by Cameron, and after deducting a fee of \$10,000, Perkins turned the money over to McGrew.

A number of witnesses were called to corroborate Richardson, one of them being Perkins, who admitted that he got \$10,000 for recovering the \$70,000, or \$65,000, as the case might be.

Attorney Marron, representing the city, and Rody P. Marshall, representing Martin, almost clinched when Marshall accused Marron of trying to "shield some one higher up."

When Marshall demanded to know who was back of the "whole deal," a hot argument followed, and Marshall made his accusation.

SEVEN MEN HORRIBLY BURNED

P. R. R. Oil House at Huntingdon, Pa., Demolished by Explosion.

Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 4.—The oil storage house of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company here was completely demolished by a terrific explosion and seven workmen who were in the building were horribly burned. The injured are: William McMahon and William Richardson, probably fatal; Mack Wilson, Samuel Winemore, James Hawk, Dale Roffs and Robert Miller. The building was used for the storage of oil and gasoline. The explosion was the result of the men entering the building with a lighted torch.

Dr. Crapsey Formally Deposed.
Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Bishop Walker, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Western New York, formally deposed the Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, rector of St. Andrew's church, Rochester, N. Y., from the ministry of the Episcopal church. The ceremony took place in St. John's Episcopal church, and was witnessed by three Episcopal ministers selected by the bishop to act as official witnesses. Dr. Crapsey was found guilty recently of teaching doctrines contrary to the creeds of his church.

Charged With Wrecking Train.

Pittsburg, Dec. 5.—Patrick Egan, a former employe of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, living near where the B. & O. train was wrecked last Saturday night, has been placed under arrest and charged with wrecking the train. Egan was found at the wreck soon after it occurred and said he was attracted by the crash. He has possessed a switch key since he was discharged by the road and this key he claims to have lost. Conflicting stories as to his movements told by his wife led to his arrest.

Will Fight in Baltimore.

New York, Dec. 4.—"Young" Corbett and Terry McGovern will fight before the Eureka Athletic Club of Baltimore the last week in January. Al Herford, representing the club, offered 70 per cent. of the gross receipts, and his bid was accepted. He posted a \$1000 forfeit.

Fifty Drowned in Flood.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 5.—It is reported that 50 persons have been drowned in the floods at Clifton, Ariz. Attempts to confirm this have been futile, as all wires are down.

Canal Engineer Resigns.

Panama, Dec. 4.—It is reported here that John G. Sullivan, assistant chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, has resigned. He was ap-

THAW TRIAL DELAYED

Commission to Take Evidence of Witnesses Outside of New York.

New York, Dec. 4.—A motion of counsel for Harry K. Thaw that a commission be appointed to take the testimony of witnesses outside the state was granted by Judge Newburger in the supreme court. It will be an interrogatory commission and testimony will be taken of witnesses for both the prosecution and defense.

The motion was made by Clifford W. Hartridge, one of Thaw's counsel, who suggested an open commission, and named as the witnesses whose testimony is desired Thomas McCaleb and Truxton Beale, both of whom, he said, are in California.

District Attorney Jerome told Justice Newburger he had no objection to the appointment of a commission to take testimony, providing it be allowed to take the testimony of witnesses for the prosecution who are outside the state. He also said that an open commission, as suggested by Mr. Hartridge, would be unsatisfactory, for the reason that it could ask all kinds of questions and that it would take considerable time to get the testimony in hand. He said that an interrogatory commission could be appointed, and that only prepared questions would then be asked. Mr. Jerome said he wanted the testimony of the mother, brother and sister of the defendant's wife and possibly that of a witness who is now in South Africa.

The witness in South Africa is Miss Ida Veronica Simonton, daughter of Dr. Simonton, of Pittsburg. She sailed from this country August 1. Miss Simonton has gone to Africa to study the monkeys in the jungle.

FIGHTING A MINE FIRE

Flames Discovered in a Colliery at Pittston, Pa.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 5.—A fire was discovered in the No. 7 colliery at Pittston, that has been burning for many hours. It was located about 4000 feet from the foot of the mine shaft and was raging in a heavy deposit of coal known as the 14-foot vein. The mine is owned by the Pennsylvania Coal company, who have hundreds of men constantly at work fighting the flames. Gangs of 30 men are sent into the mine at a time, and they are being frequently relieved. Several prominent mine officials are on the grounds assisting in directing the fire fighting. The outlook is that the flames may be extinguished, but it will take several days before the fire can be entirely wiped out. It is believed that a miner ignited the coal accidentally by lighting a small feeder of gas and not noticing it at the time.

FATALLY INJURED IN RUNAWAY

Dr. W. J. Hearn Receives Fractured Skull When Thrown From Carriage.

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—Thrown from his carriage in a runaway Dr. W. Joseph Hearn, author and surgeon, was probably fatally injured. Dr. Hearn, who occupies a chair in the Jefferson Medical College and is one of the chief surgeons at the Jefferson hospital, was on his way to the Philadelphia hospital when his horse became frightened and ran away. Both the physician and his driver were thrown into an excavation made by the tearing up of trolley tracks and Dr. Hearn's skull was fractured. He was taken to the University hospital, where he lies unconscious despite the efforts of a score of eminent physicians and surgeons from both hospitals to revive him.

SOLD INTO SERVITUDE

Kentucky Convict Brings Only \$10 For Nine Months' Labor.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Dec. 4.—Dick Aubrey, who was convicted of vagrancy, and who was ordered sold into servitude for nine months, according to the law of the state, was disposed of at public auction to J. Johnson, a farmer, for the sum of \$10. Aubrey's reputation for general shiftlessness was such that even the most strenuous efforts of the sheriff were not sufficient to bring about many bids.

German Prince Victim of Swindlers.

Paris, Dec. 5.—Prince Frederick Charles von Hohenlohe, a son of the former German chancellor, has started proceedings to cause the arrest of Philip Simeoni de Fleres & Dixmer, a firm of so-called bankers, on the allegation of having swindled him out of nearly \$100,000 by means of fictitious financial operations. It is said that this firm has succeeded in obtaining about \$2,000,000 from other persons, including members of the family of the Duc de Broglie, who are said to have lost \$1,200,000; the Marquis de Ganay, the Marquis de Castejas and Prince Orloff, who are said to have lost \$200,000 each.

Scranton's Oldest Resident Dead.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Jane Halpin, the oldest resident of Scranton, died in the House of the Good Shepherd, aged 104 years. Her oldest son, James Halpin, is 82, and her baby boy, Martin, is 79. Mrs. Halpin was a native of Ireland, and had resided in South Scranton for half a century. She was an inmate of the House of the Good Shepherd for the past five years, not because of any waywardness, but at her own request, that she might end her days in a religious institution.

Wealthy Bachelor a Suicide.

Pittsburg, Dec. 4.—L. Lee Dilworth, 52 years old and a bachelor, a member of one of the wealthy families of Pittsburg, committed suicide by shooting. No cause can be assigned for the deed and all avenues of information were closed to newspapers and inquirers by the friends and members of the family. He was very wealthy.

GILLETTE FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Slayer of Grace Brown Faces Death in Electric Chair.

JURY WAS OUT FIVE HOURS

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 5.—The jury in the trial of Chester E. Gillette for the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, at Big Moose Lake on July 11 last, returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree after being out five hours.

Sentence will be pronounced on Thursday to which time court adjourned after the jury had reported. Former Senator Mills, Gillette's counsel, announced that when court reconvened he would move to have the verdict set aside.

Pale and a trifle nervous apparently Gillette faced the jury and when Marshall Hatch, the foreman, declared that a verdict of guilty in the first degree had been found the youthful prisoner gave no sign of emotion.

Gillette sat motionless, and as one after another the 12 jurors arose to their feet and declared that they were united in their decision. When the 12th man had responded the stolid indifference or studied composure of the boy was exhibited as never before. Leaning over a nearby table, he drew towards him a bit of white paper and, taking a pencil from his pocket, wrote deliberately this message:

"Father—I am convicted."

(Signed) "CHESTER."

This was one of the earliest dispatches carrying the news of Gillette's doom beyond the walls of the court house. It went to his father in Denver.

It was learned that the jury had some difficulty in reaching an agreement and six ballots were taken before the 12 men agreed. Up to that time the jury had stood 11 for conviction and one for acquittal.

In his charge Judge Davendorf said: "To all concerned this is a case of great importance. You have no right to be influenced or controlled by anything but the evidence as it has been presented to you and the law governing it as given to you by the court. You have no right to permit either sympathy or favor with one or the other party to sway your judgment."

"None of us was present on the 11th of July when it is said this crime occurred. The evidence that Grace Brown lost her life at Big Moose Lake admits of no doubt. But there is no testimony on the part of the people as to an eye witness, as to what occurred at the fatal moment, other than the defendant, to detail the last scene in the alleged tragedy. But all evidence is more or less circumstantial, whether consisting of facts which permit the inference of the guilt or whether given by an eye witness."

"Gentlemen, evidence is not to be discredited or decided because it is circumstantial. It may often be more reliable evidence than direct evidence."

"Something has been said with reference to the motive. Proof of motive of crime is not indispensable or essential to conviction. While a motive may be shown as a circumstance to aid in fixing crime, yet the people are not required to prove a motive. The motive in this case is said by the people to be because of the relations that existed between this man and this girl. Now whether the situation in which he was placed furnished a motive sufficient for him to commit this crime rests with the jury to say."

"I say to you gentlemen that I know of no law, in fact there is no law, that requires that a defendant should be present at the autopsy or that he should be represented. He has no particular right to be present; in fact he cannot be expected to be a witness. This is not an issue in the case and is not to be considered."

The judge then touched on the question of the crime and later said: "If the jury finds that Grace Brown jumped overboard voluntarily and that the defendant made no attempt to rescue her that does not make him guilty."

PRESIDENT SPENCER'S FUNERAL

Remains of Southern Railway President Laid to Rest.

Washington, Dec. 3.—All that is mortal of Samuel Spencer, late president of the Southern railway, whose tragic death on his own railroad on the morning of Thanksgiving day shocked the people of two hemispheres, was laid to rest in the receiving vault at the Oak Hill cemetery, there to await final disposition.

The funeral services, held in St. John's Episcopal Church, were attended by railway officials, financiers and public men from all parts of the country. Many of them were lifelong associates. Hundreds of friends came from the south.

Bishop Henry W. Saterlee, of Washington, assisted by Rev. Dr. Roland C. Smith, rector of St. John's Church, conducted the services, which were according to the ritual of the Episcopal Church.

Professor Bloomberg Dead in Germany.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 3.—Word was received here of the death in Germany on Saturday last of Rev. Augustus A. Bloomberg, professor of modern languages at Lafayette college. Last June he was given a year's leave of absence and went abroad.

American Ladies Honored By Sultan.

Constantinople, Dec. 4.—It was officially announced in the Gazette that the sultan had bestowed the Shekakat order upon Mrs. and Miss Jackson, wife and daughter respectively of John B. Jackson, the American minister to Greece, Montenegro and Serbia.

FARM AND GARDEN

SORE HEAD IN POULTRY.

Most Common Among Young Chickens—Effective Treatment.

By C. A. CARY, veterinarian, Alabama experiment station.

Chicken pox sore head, or contagious epithelioma, in poultry is a common disease. It is more prevalent among young chickens, from broilers to maturity, yet younger and older chickens



HEAD OF A HEN AFTER RECOVERY.

This was a bad case of sore head. The bare places on the skin around the eye give some idea of the extent of the crusts. This case was treated with creolin and vaseline.

may have this disease. There are no positive differences between the various forms of diphtheria, roup and chicken pox, or "sore head," other than the location in which the lesions occur.

I have found nothing better or more effective than iodoform by itself, or iodoform one part and tannic acid one part, or iodoform one part, boric acid one part and tannic acid one part. It is best to wash the head, wipe out the mouth and throat with a weak solution of creolin (one or two to 100), using a boiled cotton or medicated absorbent cotton swab. Next remove the crust on the skin, comb, wattles and eyelids and the exudate from the eyes, the mouth and throat. Then, with sterilized or boiled or absorbent cotton, wipe away the blood on the raw surfaces until they cease to bleed, then with cotton swab cover the raw places with iodoform or either of the iodoform powders above mentioned. Do not be afraid to put iodoform into the eye or the conjunctival sack. The next day or the same day a few hours later apply freely vaseline or fresh lard all over these places. In some cases it may be necessary to apply the iodoform or iodoform powders once a day for two or three days, and thereafter apply freely only lard or vaseline every day. In other cases one application of the iodoform



CASE OF SORE HEAD.

(Showing crusts on comb, eyelids and skin.)

and daily applications of lard and vaseline are all that is required. In bad cases, especially where they do not improve as rapidly as they should, give internally as much as a teaspoonful of vaseline containing a few drops of creosote or ten to thirty grains of epsom salts in a tablespoonful of water. This may be given once per day or once every other day. It usually prevents intestinal infection or complications.

In cases where roup predominates or where the suborbital sinus becomes filled with pus and the eye is greatly distended there are several lines of treatment that may be followed. In the early stages apply sweet oil or olive oil to the nostrils and if possible inject some of this oil into the nasal passages by using a small nozzle and syringe. After injecting or applying the oil apply pressure over the distended parts, and thus expel as much of the pus as possible. This may be repeated twice per day.

Hard Mouthed Horses.

Here is something of practical value to any one driving a horse that pulls on the bit: Fasten a small ring to each side of the bridle and as near the brow band as possible. Pass the lines through the bit rings and snap them into the rings at the brow band. This, with a common jointed bit, will enable a child to hold a puller or hard mouthed horse with ease under almost all circumstances. It can be used on a fast horse in double team or on both, as desired. It is cheap and easily applied, and it won't make the mouth sore. It is better than any patent bit. —Farm Press.

Wireworms.

A reader inquires about the best means of getting rid of the wireworms which have almost ruined his potatoes. There is only one way that I know of which promises permanently satisfactory results in checking the destructive work of wireworms. This is by plowing and otherwise working the soil late in the fall—in fact, just before settled cold weather—so as to break up the safe retreats of this enemy and leave the pupae an easy prey to birds or the winter's cold. —Farm and Fireside.

CONCERNING PHOSPHATES.

Ground Rock Profitably Replaces More Expensive Fertilizers.

Experiments made by the Maine experiment station have indicated that with certain kinds of plants, notably turnips and rutabagas, crude fine ground Florida rock phosphate (floats) was utilized to good advantage at all stages of growth as a source of phosphoric acid. Other crops—such as corn, barley, clover, tomatoes and potatoes—did not respond to applications of the insoluble phosphates in the earlier stages of growth, but utilized it to better advantage in later stages of growth, thus suggesting "that it may be profitable on certain crops grown on a large scale to combine the soluble and insoluble phosphates, applying a small amount of the former at time of planting to hasten the early growth of the crop and a larger amount of the latter a few weeks later to supply the wants of the more advanced plants. In this way the outlay for phosphoric acid would be greatly reduced and probably the yield in no way decreased."

Slow Action of Insoluble Phosphates.

The fertilizing value of the insoluble phosphates—such as crude fine ground Florida or Tennessee rock phosphate—as compared with the more soluble and readily available forms of phosphoric acid—such as acid phosphate, Thomas slag, etc.—has been carefully investigated in recent years by a number of other experiment stations, particularly those of Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts and Ohio, and, while the results have not been entirely conclusive, they in general bear out those obtained by the Maine station and indicate that such phosphates may in many cases profitably replace to a large extent the more expensive phosphates, particularly on soils naturally or artificially supplied with an abundance of decaying organic matter (humus) and with certain kinds of crops, especially those having a long season of growth and with which early maturity is not an important consideration. On the other hand, crops which must be forced in their early stages of growth and brought to early maturity require more soluble forms of phosphoric acid.

When Used With Green Manures.

Experiments made by a number of eastern experiment stations show rather conclusively that the insoluble phosphates cannot be profitably used, for example, in market gardening on the light soils best adapted to that purpose, while it has been clearly demonstrated by several of the southern and western experiment stations that when used in connection with liberal applications of stable manure or green manures the cheap insoluble phosphates are about as effective and much more economical in general farming than the high priced acid phosphates. The use of fine ground phosphates, or floats, in connection with green manures, cottonseed meal and other organic matter, the decomposition of which in the soil is believed to render the phosphoric acid more available, has long been practiced in the south, and the advantages of the practice have been demonstrated by the Alabama experiment station.

MODERN PIGSTY.

Handy For Feeding—Separate Pens. Self Closing Doors.

In furnishing suggestion for a modern pigsty American Agriculturist says: The accompanying diagram affords an idea of a satisfactory pigsty. It shows the ground floor, twenty-five feet wide and thirty-two feet long. In the diagram A is an entry five feet wide, running the whole length of the building, with a door at either end. This entry is convenient in feeding the animals, as the troughs in the separate pens run along one side of it. The roof extends over only the entry (A)



DIAGRAM OF PIGSTY.

and the boxes (B). The pens (CCCC) are not under the roof. The entire building is floored with plank, slanting lightly toward the front for the purpose of drainage.

The inside partitions may be about four feet high. The small doors between B and C are hung by hinges from the top, so as to open either way easily. The pigs soon learn to push it open and pass out and in, with the door closing behind them. When pigs are first put in the pen one corner of the floor (C) should be made wet and the pigs will be careful not to soil elsewhere. The feeding troughs are shown at OOOO. The height of the building need not be over seven or eight feet.

Skim Milk and Meal For Pigs.

One of the eastern experiment stations is authority for this little pig feeding formula: Pigs weighing twenty to seventy pounds, two ounces of cornmeal per quart of skim milk; pigs weighing seventy to 130 pounds, four ounces of cornmeal per quart of skim milk; pigs weighing 130 to 200 pounds, six ounces of cornmeal per quart of skim milk.

For Buggies and Wagons.

Raw linseed oil put on with a cloth and thoroughly rubbed into the paint is a splendid application for buggies and wagons. If they are treated to a rub of this kind every time after being washed the paint will look new instead of old. —Exchange.

THE "HOLY HOUSE."

Legend of the Home of Mary and the Saviour.

Let me give the main outlines of the legend. At Nazareth was presented with pious care the house of Our Lady. The dwelling place in which she received the gracious message of the incarnation, the lowly home which sheltered the holy family for so many years, was a very precious sanctuary. On May 10, 1291, a month after the taking of Tripoli and Ptolemais, this holy house was carried by the hands of angels from Nazareth to a place in Dalmatia between Fiume and Tersatz on the Adriatic shore.

It was a one roomed edifice, built of red square stones, fastened with cement, and bore proof of age and oriental design. It stood without any foundations and had a wooden decorated ceiling. The walls were covered with frescoes; there were a door and a narrow window; inside were an altar of stone, an ancient crucifix, a small cupboard, containing a few vessels of common use; a chimney and hearth, above which was a cedar statue of Our Lady with the Holy Child in her arms. The pastor of the place learned in a vision that the building was the house of Our Lady, the stone altar that at which St. Peter celebrated mass and the statue the work of St. Luke the Evangelist. In proof of the vision he was cured of a serious illness. A deputation of four responsible persons forthwith were sent to Nazareth to investigate the mystery, and they found that the house was no longer to be found.

Measurement and other means taken proved that the house that had suddenly appeared in Dalmatia was indeed none other than that which had as suddenly left Palestine. Three years after, on Dec. 10, 1294, the holy house again disappeared and under the pontificate of Celestine V. came to Recanat, a little town in the march of Ancona, when it fixed itself in a laurel grove belonging to a pious lady called Loreto. It was discovered by some shepherds and soon became recognized and was henceforth a much frequented place of pilgrimage. Eight months afterward the house removed to a small hill, three miles from Recanat, to land belonging to two brothers, who, however, fell out shortly afterward over the division of wealth which began to flow to the new shrine.

To save strife between the brothers the house was suddenly lifted once more and this time settled down finally in the midst of the public way, which had to be diverted in consequence. Here, too, in the course of time a chapel was built, which gave way in time to the present basilica. The famous pilgrimage of Loreto goes on today. Popes, kings and princes have visited this shrine and left great gifts. Later on a festival with liturgical rites was instituted, and in time the feast of the translation of the holy house was extended to many countries. —Fortnightly Review.

Letters and Pounds.

I believe the stolidity of the English character and its implicit acceptance of authority are due in a large measure to the fact that long before it leaves the spelling class it is ready to believe anything. And this unquestioning attitude of mind is only rendered the more hopeless when it comes to learn that in one case twelve ounces make a pound, in another case it requires sixteen. Indeed, if we had set ourselves deliberately to stamp out rational instincts and the habit of logical and thoughtful inquiry in the child mind, we probably could not have devised two more fiendish instruments than our scheme of spelling on the one hand and of weights and measures on the other. —London Mail.

Unstamped Letters in England.

Many people are unaware of the fact that the sender of an unstamped letter can be proceeded against for the postage. The moment a person posts an unpaid letter he becomes a debtor to the postoffice. If it is refused by the addressee the sender is liable for the postage. An enormous number of unstamped letters are posted every year. No record is kept of the exact number. Many large firms give instructions at the postoffice that unstamped letters are not to be delivered to them. They are then returned to the senders, and in the case of frequent offenders legal steps are taken. —London Lady.

Her Simplicity.

A silly little lady had a husband, a lover of gayety, who was inclined to neglect his wife. This lady while spending the winter in Devonshire said one day at the country postoffice: "Dear me, what a silly mistake you postoffice people have made." "How, madam?" asked the clerk. "Why," she explained, with a titter, "here I have just got a letter from my husband, who is working hard in London, and the envelope is postmarked Monte Carlo." —London Queen.

The Sweet Girl's Way.

After a girl has worked for six months to get a young man, lying awake nights to think up new schemes of fascination, it is amazing to witness the coolness with which she can look up into his eyes after he has finally proposed and murmur tenderly, "You hypnotist!" —Somerville Journal.

The Burglar's Jimmy.

Why does the burglar call the tool with which he opens windows and doors a "Jimmy"? No one seems to be sure. Perhaps it is merely a pet name. The French burglar calls his Jimmy "Frere Jacques," which is first cousin to "Jimmy."

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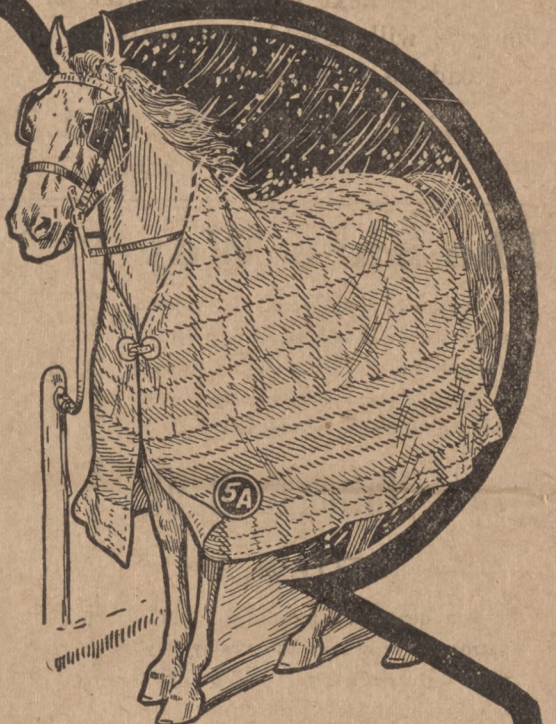
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